

Two village fetes within five weeks

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NAYLAND Community Council is to go ahead with its plan to run a summer Bank Holiday fete despite the fact that St. James's parish church is holding a similar event five weeks earlier on July 22.

Chairman Mr. Ken Willingale, told a council meeting on Wednesday, last week, he felt there had been a "singular lack of co-ordination." It was bad organisation for the church to have fixed its event so close to the other one, traditionally held on the late Bank Holiday.

Members agreed it was still necessary for the council to run a fete to raise funds for the benefit of village organisations.

In the past the church fete used to be held on the Spring Bank Holiday but this year the

date clashes with one at Stoke.

One of the organisers, Mr. John Battam, newly returned to live in the village, said later he had no idea he was crossing swords with anyone when the date was fixed and was guided by the committee.

"There is room for both events," he said. "Their objects are poles apart. One is to raise funds for the community and the other is for the church. The council has advantage of holding theirs on the Bank Holiday and I'm sure one event won't affect the success of the other."